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AND METHOD FOR) :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

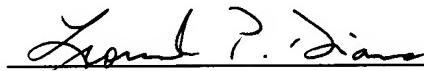
Copies of the cited documents (other than U.S. patent documents) are enclosed, together with a copy of an European Search Report dated April 11, 2005, citing the listed documents.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, the Examiner is referred to the Search Report and the accompanying English abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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